

REMARKS

[0002] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-23 are currently pending, with claims 1, 7, 14, and 20 being independent.
- Claims 1, 4, 7-14, 17, and 20 are amended herein.

[0003] Support for the amendments and additions presented herein can be found in the original specification at least at page 14 paragraph [0038] and page 22 paragraph [0058], as well as in the originally submitted claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

[0004] Applicant acknowledges that claims 1-23 stand rejected under the noted sections below, as allegedly failing to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112. Applicant respectfully disagrees; however Applicant understands claims 1-23 to be allowable if amended to obviate the §§ 101 and 112 rejections. Thus, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant herein amends claims 1, 4, 7-14, and 20 as shown above. Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, claims 1-23 are allowable.

Claims 7-13 and 20-23 Comply With § 101

[0005] Claims 7-13 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter (Office Action, page 2). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and

without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejection, Applicant herein amends claims 7-13 as shown above. Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, claims 7-13 comply with all aspects of § 101. Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the traversal of the Office's § 112, ¶ 6 rejection of claims 20-23 below, renders the § 101 rejections moot. In light of this traversal, claims 20-23 comply with all aspects of § 101.

Claims 1-23 Comply With § 112, second paragraph

[0006] Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the claimed subject matter (Office Action, page 4). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejection, Applicant herein amends independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 20, as well as dependent claims 4, 10, and 17 as shown above. Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, claims 1-23 comply with all aspects of § 112, paragraph 2.

Claims 20-23 Comply With § 112, sixth paragraph

[0007] Claims 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 6, as allegedly being indefinite; the Office claims that the written description fails to disclose the corresponding structure, material or acts for the claimed function of "providing a Web service" (Office Action, page 4). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claim 20

[0008] As amended, independent claim 20 is directed to a computing device comprising (added text underlined):

- means for providing a Web service in an Intranet, the Web service being coupled to a public network;
- means for discovering, by the Web service, information corresponding to at least one application deployed on the Intranet, the application being configured for subsequent terminal server (TS) based access for a user of a remote client computer, the remote client computer being external to the Intranet; and
- facilitating by the Web service, the delivery of discovered information to the remote client computer.

[0009] Applicant asserts that the original specification, at least in paragraphs [0024] and [0026] as well as in Figure 1, discloses sufficient structure corresponding to the claimed function of “providing a Web service”. For example, paragraph [0024] of the Specification states that “the RAP Web server 114 includes RAP Web service (RWS) 130 for receiving a discovery request 132 from a remote client device 160.” Additionally, as stated in paragraph [0026] of the Specification, “[r]esponsive to receiving the remote application discovery request, the RWS 130 interfaces with each of multiple possible intranet remote application . . . modules.” Therefore, “means for providing a Web service in an Intranet” and “means for discovering . . . information corresponding to at least one application deployed on the Intranet,” as recited in claim 20 may be implemented, at least, by the “RAP Web server 114” of paragraph [0024] and Figure 1 of the specification.

[0010] For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 complies with all aspects of § 112.

Dependent Claims 21-23

[0011] Claims 21-23 ultimately depend from independent claim 20. As discussed above, claim 20 fully complies with all aspects of § 112. Therefore, claims 21-23 are allowable, by virtue of their dependency from an allowable base claim. These claims may also be allowable for the additional features that each recites. For example, the feature of claim 23, “means for receiving, by the Web service, a remote application discovery request from the remote client computer,” may be implemented, at least, by the “RAP Web server 114” of paragraph [0024] and Figure 1 of the Specification.

[0012] For at least the foregoing reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 21-23 comply with all aspects of § 112.

Conclusion

[0013] For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application.

[0014] The amendments and remarks presented herein are responsive to the new grounds of rejection and, therefore, could not have been presented earlier.

[0015] If any issues remain that would prevent allowance of this application,

Applicant requests that Examiner contact the undersigned representative before issuing a subsequent Action.

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